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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to application filed on April 25, 2000. Claims 1-35 are considered for examination.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1-9, drawn to interwindows link or communication, classified in class 345, subclass 804.

II. Claims 10-14, drawn to computer supported collaborative work between plural users, classified in class 345, subclass 751.

III. Claims 21-26 and 27-33, drawn to multitasking and time-sharing, classified in class 718, subclass 107.

Inventions I, II and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention I has the utility such as all interactions are constrained to one or more portions or regions of the display, and windows have established relationships to other windows, grouping of windows into sets, or allowing operations to be applied in common to groups of windows. Invention II, has a separate utility from the first one such as user's interaction with a computer is used to control presentation of display data, and user at the multiple displays join in completing a given task as a group. Invention III has a separate utility from the first two such as means or steps for managing or supervising a switch between two or a plurality of discrete executing processes or tasks. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

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Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

2. A shortened statutory period for reply to this office action is set to expire ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS; whichever is longer, from the date of this Office Action.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Majid A. Banankhah** whose voice telephone number is (703) 308-6903. A voice mail service is also available at this number.

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